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Corresponding Buffer
Allocations for Deadlock-
Free Computer System
Operation

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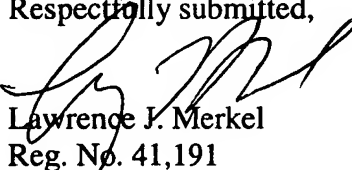
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 28, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 10-11 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter recited therein.

Please add claims 20-29 as set forth below.

Please amend claims 1, 9, 14, and 17. Set forth below are clean copies of claims 1, 9, 14, and 17 after entry of this amendment. Included herewith are marked-up copies of claims 1, 9, 14, and 17 illustrating the changes made thereto.

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